

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT CONCERNING THE LIFTING OF  
TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST BOLIVIA AND GEORGIA**

*RECOGNIZING* ICCAT's responsibility as concerns the management of tuna and tuna-like stocks in the Atlantic and adjacent seas, in an international scope;

*RECALLING* the decision adopted by the Commission in 2002 (*Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Bolivia Pursuant to the 1998 Resolution Concerning the Unreported and Unregulated Catches of Tuna by Large-scale Longline Vessels in the Convention Area* [Rec. 02-17]) to prohibit the imports of Atlantic bigeye tuna and its products from Bolivia;

*FURTHER RECALLING* the decision adopted by the Commission in 2003 (*Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding for Bigeye Tuna Trade Restrictive Measures on Georgia* [Rec. 03-18]) to prohibit the imports of Atlantic bigeye tuna and its products from Georgia;

*WELCOMING* improvements in responsiveness of Georgia and Bolivia to correspondence from ICCAT seeking information on actions taken to control their vessels to ensure that ICCAT conservation and management measures are not undermined;

*CONSIDERING* actions taken by Georgia to address fishing by its vessels in the ICCAT Convention area, including the deregistration of vessels fishing without authorization in the ICCAT Convention area;

*ENCOURAGED* by Georgia's consideration of increased future participation in the work of the Commission;

*FURTHER CONSIDERING* that since 2006, Bolivia has not registered any fishing vessels to carry out fishing-related activities in the ICCAT Convention area, and that no information made available to ICCAT has indicated that fishing for ICCAT species by Bolivian vessels has occurred in recent years,

*EXAMINING IN DETAIL* during its 2011 meeting the actions undertaken by Bolivia and Georgia, and considering that the actions of these States help to ensure that actions of their vessels do not diminish the effectiveness of ICCAT conservation and management measures,

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF  
ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:**

1. Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) shall lift the import prohibitions on Atlantic bigeye tuna and its products that were imposed on Bolivia and Georgia pursuant to the *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Bolivia Pursuant to the 1998 Resolution Concerning the Unreported and Unregulated Catches of Tuna by Large-scale Longline Vessels in the Convention Area* [Rec. 02-17] and the *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding for Bigeye Tuna Trade Restrictive Measures on Georgia* [Rec. 03-18].
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the CPCs shall implement this Recommendation as soon as possible in accordance with their regulatory procedures.
3. Recommendations [Rec. 02-17] and [Rec. 03-18] are hereby withdrawn.